

## BBH October 4, 2011 NAC Meeting

What are Your Priority Topics for Discussion this Evening?

                     = Share priorities for discussion

Wayne

- Urban Village - I don't think there is a formula to how we achieve our objectives, A → Z
- Community Safety - With the increased density and reduced government funds we'll have safety issues as we move forward

Sue

- Linden
- Ways to spread density to other areas
- Urban hamlets
- Aurora

Gloria

- Community connections, walkways, amenities
- Safety
- Downzone Linden Ave heights
- Where is the census and consultant data we need to make decisions?
- Social equity
- Aurora
- Neighborhood business district

Richard

- We were selected because we were neglected since
- Rapid Ride E Line
- Aurora
- Hub urban village

Joe

- Aurora

Phillip

- Bike lanes

## **Aurora**

- There have been a lot of meetings concerning Aurora. People may be tired of talking about it.
- It was the top priority for the 2020 plan – still is, and our design advice hasn't changed
- Find out what is up with Rapid Ride (See Page 4)
- Transport and design go together
- I'm worried city is talking with ULI and making decisions
- Need an update on Sound Transit Environmental Work (See Page 4)
- Land use planning on Aurora should be part of update; e.g. motels. How are the properties being used?
- Would like to see heights increased on Aurora to get high value
- Not sure if market for it
- Check out the new apt. at 115 & Aurora
- What should we do with old hotels on Aurora? Housing, arts.
- Around transit stops here is opportunity for mixed use
- Nice opportunity at 130/Aurora; could do a tower
- We don't have background on market for business and housing. We need it
- Want to have density, activity by station

## **Safety**

- Lighting, i.e. 143<sup>rd</sup> at park/reservoir
- Tressa, why is it so bad?
- North precinct advisory council is supporting construction of a new North Precinct building
- Tressa single mom with kids idle older kids
- Can't solve everything but we can use improve physical space to help
- We could seek a policy that we're looking for larger apart and families, and things that support a greater mix of people:
  - Park development
  - Things for teens
  - Bb courts
- Speeding, traffic officers
- 143rd & Linden
- Keep lights in place but reduce glare
- Ditch on 125th 8th needs to be fixed

## **Linden**

- The multifamily housing on west side sets context, there is nothing over 140 units
- Linden Square has large units, but that was developed a while ago. Would like to have a pause on development until we finish Linden and maybe attract better development.
- We need market rate development and condos to add diversity.
- Need setbacks to keep from creating a canyon feel.
- Can we ask for affordable housing to be more spread out

- Lake City has similar issue with density and lack of amenities to support it.
- What about other areas like South Lake Union, Northgate? Can affordable housing be promoted there rather than here?
- How do you celebrate who we are (like seniors)? We could exploit it.
- It's nice to have diversity
- We have it
- Leftover spaces on Linden - God is in the details – usable public space. Highest and best use in an urban village is not a swale. Don't squeeze little open space!
- Swale @ Yale
- Convene meeting with SPU and SDOT on Swales

### **Hamlets**

- Expand zoning by Roosevelt to increase Commercial area at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N. It's a bad situation to be next to a 7/11 and Texaco
- Consider Cargo containers box like on Delridge
- Incubator space
- Containers are common in Mexico
- Streets 125<sup>th</sup>, 130<sup>th</sup>, 143<sup>rd</sup>, Greenwood. Install sidewalks without drainage swales!!!

## **Rapid Ride**

### **RapidRide E Line**

#### **Coming to Shoreline and Seattle in 2013**

Metro Transit, in partnership with the cities of Shoreline and Seattle, is planning to bring RapidRide bus service to Aurora Avenue N (State Route 99) in 2013.

The RapidRide E Line will run between Shoreline and downtown Seattle via Aurora Avenue N. RapidRide service is being designed to keep people moving throughout the day in this heavily used transit corridor. [Learn more about RapidRide](#)

#### **Connecting communities**

The RapidRide E Line will give riders streamlined service to destinations along the route, including major employers, stores, medical and other services, and residential areas.

Destinations near the E Line include:

Shoreline City Hall

Greenlake

Woodland Park Zoo

RapidRide also will stop at the Aurora Village Transit Center and Shoreline Park-and-ride.

#### **Public involvement**

Public outreach is planned for the fall or spring of 2011, about 18-24 months before service begins, to provide opportunities for public input to influence the facility design process.

#### **Partners help buses go faster**

Metro and the cities of Shoreline and Seattle are working together to help buses go faster through this corridor. Improvements made through these partnerships will include:

Business Access and Transit Lanes—For transit and right turns only

Transit Signal Priority—Additional green time at traffic signals to help buses get through intersections quickly

## Timeline

2010-2011

Planning and design

Public outreach

2012-2013

Permitting and construction

RapidRide service begins in 2013

From SDOT: SDOT has about \$6M for the **all** Aurora for spot improvements mostly sidewalks and dedicated transit lanes to support Rapid Ride. Apparently the Federal appropriation still hasn't been secured, but the agencies are confident enough to be moving forward.

## Sound Transit

- *North Link – to Northgate*  
[http://projects.soundtransit.org/Documents/pdf/projects/lightrail/north/BRO\\_N%2oLink%2ofolio\\_lorez.pdf](http://projects.soundtransit.org/Documents/pdf/projects/lightrail/north/BRO_N%2oLink%2ofolio_lorez.pdf)
- *North Corridor Transit Project - The North Corridor Transit Project relies on receiving federal assistance to complete the project. In order to qualify for federal grants, Sound Transit completed an [Alternatives Analysis \(AA\)](#) - available [here](#). The AA required examination of reasonable alternatives to meet the needs of the corridor and will help Sound Transit identify a preferred transit mode and route. (Summary)*  
[http://projects.soundtransit.org/Documents/pdf/projects/North\\_hct/AA\\_2011\\_09/Summary.pdf](http://projects.soundtransit.org/Documents/pdf/projects/North_hct/AA_2011_09/Summary.pdf)
- *Federal funding is key to keeping this project affordable, and is especially important as Sound Transit responds to impacts of the current economic recession that have reduced projected revenues by about 25 percent through 2023 and have created schedule risks for this project.*
- *Environmental scoping that builds on the AA will be conducted in October 2011. **Public meetings will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on the following dates.** There will be a presentation at 6:30 at each meeting.*
  - **Thursday, October 13, 2011:** Embassy Suites Hotel, 44th Ave W, Lynnwood
  - **Tuesday, October 18, 2011:** Ingraham High School, 1819 N 135th St, Seattle